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RESCUE OPERATION IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAF has participated in the rescue operation in snow- bound area of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air Force has airlifted 2191 civilian stranded passengers by transport aircraft and helicopters. A total number of 1600 persons were airlifted from Ramban/Udhampur to Srinagar. Similarly, 40 foreign tourists were rescued from the Zanskar Valley.

Bulldozer and snow plough equipment was airlifted by Indian Air Force from Leh to Srinagar for runway/road clearance tasks.

The Indian Air Force airlifted 660,000 litres of Kerosene and 180,000 litres of petrol to meet the urgent energy requirements in the valley.

In the whole process, the Indian Air Force has airlifted a total load of 1010 Tonnes and 42,000 passengers.